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| 1 | AREA ASSESSMENT CHARGES |
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| 2 | 2019 GENERAL SESSION |
| 3 | STATE OF UTAH |
| 4 | Chief Sponsor: Joel Ferry |
| 5 | Senate Sponsor: Daniel McCay |
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| 7 | LONG TITLE |
| 8 | General Description: |
| 9 | This bill addresses required language in a property tax notice regarding charges. |
| 10 | Highlighted Provisions: |
| 11 | This bill: |
| 12 | adds a precondition to an existing requirement that a property tax notice include |
| 13 | certain language regarding charges; and |
| 14 | ► limits the amended language requirement to area assessment charges. |
| 15 | Money Appropriated in this Bill: |
| 16 | None |
| 17 | Other Special Clauses: |
| 18 | None |
| 19 | Utah Code Sections Affected: |
| 20 | AMENDS: |
| 21 | 59-2-1317, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 197 |
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| 23 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah: |
| 24 | Section 1. Section 59-2-1317 is amended to read: |
| 25 | 59-2-1317. Tax notice Contents of notice Procedures and requirements for |
| 26 | providing notice. |
| 27 | (1) As used in this section, "political subdivision lien" means the same as that term is |
| 28 | defined in Section 11-60-102. |
| 29 | (2) Subject to the other provisions of this section, the county treasurer shall: |

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| 30 | (a) collect the taxes and tax notice charges; and |
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| 31 | (b) provide a notice to each taxpayer that contains the following: |
| 32 | (i) the kind and value of property assessed to the taxpayer; |
| 33 | (ii) the street address of the property, if available to the county; |
| 34 | (iii) that the property may be subject to a detailed review in the next year under Section |
| 35 | 59-2-303.1; |
| 36 | (iv) the amount of taxes levied; |
| 37 | (v) a separate statement of the taxes levied only on a certain kind or class of property |
| 38 | for a special purpose; |
| 39 | (vi) property tax information pertaining to taxpayer relief, options for payment of |
| 40 | taxes, and collection procedures; |
| 41 | (vii) any tax notice charges applicable to the property, including: |
| 42 | (A) if applicable, a political subdivision lien for road damage that a railroad company |
| 43 | causes, as described in Section 10-7-30; |
| 44 | (B) if applicable, a political subdivision lien for municipal water distribution, as |
| 45 | described in Section 10-8-17, or a political subdivision lien for an increase in supply from a |
| 46 | municipal water distribution, as described in Section 10-8-19; |
| 47 | (C) if applicable, a political subdivision lien for unpaid abatement fees as described in |
| 48 | Section 10-11-4; |
| 49 | (D) if applicable, a political subdivision lien for the unpaid portion of an assessment |
| 50 | assessed in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 42, Assessment Area Act, or Title 11, Chapter |
| 51 | 42a, Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Act, including unpaid costs, charges, and |
| 52 | interest as of the date the local entity certifies the unpaid amount to the county treasurer; |
| 53 | (E) if applicable, for a local district in accordance with Section 17B-1-902, a political |
| 54 | subdivision lien for an unpaid fee, administrative cost, or interest; |
| 55 | (F) if applicable, a political subdivision lien for an unpaid irrigation district use charge |
| 56 | as described in Section 17B-2a-506; and |
| 57 | (G) if applicable, a political subdivision lien for a contract assessment under a water |

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| 58 | contract, as described in Section 17B-2a-1007; |
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| 59 | (viii) if a county's tax notice includes an assessment area charge, a statement that, due |
| 60 | to potentially ongoing assessment area charges, costs, penalties, and interest, payment of a tax |
| 61 | notice charge may not: |
| 62 | (A) pay off the full amount the property owner owes to the tax notice entity; or |

(B) cause a release of the lien underlying the tax notice charge;

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- (ix) the date the taxes and tax notice charges are due;
- (x) the street address at which the taxes and tax notice charges may be paid;
- (xi) the date on which the taxes and tax notice charges are delinquent;
- 67 (xii) the penalty imposed on delinquent taxes and tax notice charges;
- 68 (xiii) a statement that explains the taxpayer's right to direct allocation of a partial payment in accordance with Subsection (9);
 - (xiv) other information specifically authorized to be included on the notice under this chapter; and
- 72 (xv) other property tax information approved by the commission.
- 73 (3) (a) Unless expressly allowed under this section or another statutory provision, the 74 treasurer may not add an amount to be collected to the property tax notice.
 - (b) If the county treasurer adds an amount to be collected to the property tax notice under this section or another statutory provision that expressly authorizes the item's inclusion on the property tax notice:
 - (i) the amount constitutes a tax notice charge; and
 - (ii) (A) the tax notice charge has the same priority as property tax; and
- 80 (B) a delinquency of the tax notice charge triggers a tax sale, in accordance with 81 Section 59-2-1343.
 - (4) For any property for which property taxes or tax notice charges are delinquent, the notice described in Subsection (2) shall state, "Prior taxes or tax notice charges are delinquent on this parcel."
 - (5) Except as provided in Subsection (6), the county treasurer shall:

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| (a) mail the notice required by this section, pos | stage prepaid: or |
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- (b) leave the notice required by this section at the taxpayer's residence or usual place of business, if known.
- (6) (a) Subject to the other provisions of this Subsection (6), a county treasurer may, at the county treasurer's discretion, provide the notice required by this section by electronic mail if a taxpayer makes an election, according to procedures determined by the county treasurer, to receive the notice by electronic mail.
- (b) A taxpayer may revoke an election to receive the notice required by this section by electronic mail if the taxpayer provides written notice to the treasurer on or before October 1.
- (c) A revocation of an election under this section does not relieve a taxpayer of the duty to pay a tax or tax notice charge due under this chapter on or before the due date for paying the tax or tax notice charge.
- (d) A county treasurer shall provide the notice required by this section using a method described in Subsection (5), until a taxpayer makes a new election in accordance with this Subsection (6), if:
- (i) the taxpayer revokes an election in accordance with Subsection (6)(b) to receive the notice required by this section by electronic mail; or
 - (ii) the county treasurer finds that the taxpayer's electronic mail address is invalid.
- (e) A person is considered to be a taxpayer for purposes of this Subsection (6) regardless of whether the property that is the subject of the notice required by this section is exempt from taxation.
- (7) (a) The county treasurer shall provide the notice required by this section to a taxpayer on or before November 1.
- (b) The county treasurer shall keep on file in the county treasurer's office the information set forth in the notice.
 - (c) The county treasurer is not required to mail a tax receipt acknowledging payment.
- 112 (8) This section does not apply to property taxed under Section 59-2-1302 or 113 59-2-1307.

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| 114 | (9) (a) A taxpayer who pays less than the full amount due on the taxpayer's property tax |
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| 115 | notice may, on a form provided by the county treasurer, direct how the county treasurer |
| 116 | allocates the partial payment between: |
| 117 | (i) the total amount due for property tax; |
| 118 | (ii) the amount due for assessments, past due local district fees, and other tax notice |
| 119 | charges; and |
| 120 | (iii) any other amounts due on the property tax notice. |
| 121 | (b) The county treasurer shall comply with a direction submitted to the county treasurer |
| 122 | in accordance with Subsection (9)(a). |
| 123 | (c) The provisions of this Subsection (9) do not: |
| 124 | (i) affect the right or ability of a local entity to pursue any available remedy for |
| 125 | non-payment of any item listed on a taxpayer's property tax notice; or |
| 126 | (ii) toll or otherwise change any time period related to a remedy described in |
| 127 | Subsection (9)(c)(i). |